

The Memorial Hill

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them. Any suggestions will be much appreciated. We are also looking for a donation of some water shares on the new outside water system to water the Hill. A special concert, "A Patriotic Dream," will be presented Saturday, May 6, 2000 by the Wasatch County Choralettes under the direction of Sandy Turner. A long list of super talented people have worked hard for months to get this presentation ready. The Flag Ceremony to set the stage for the concert will be presented by the Utah Fife and Drum Bugle Corp, in War attire under the direction of Pat Mahoney. Don't Miss It! Most of the proceeds from these productions will go to the beautification of Memorial Hill. Tickets are being sold by the Boy Scouts and also at the door that night. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. You may contact Al Kohler, Memorial Hill Committee at 654-2580. *W*

Memorial Hill Restoration

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BY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

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Memorial Hill Gate *J 24-00*

Editor: Several times I have drawn a sketch of the arch gate for Memorial Hill. Nothing seemed like a workable design. Along came Terry Edwards. He didn't need a sketch or anything else except the go ahead to make the arch.

Kent Berg took care of the basic construction of the side pillars with pipes that stood 14 feet tall. Clay Coleman furnished the stencils for Terry to hand-cut the steel plate letters that spell out "Memorial Hill" on top of the arch. The pipe, 12 inches in diameter and 30 feet long was all assembled with the letters welded on, ready to go.

On Saturday morning, May 20, it was time for the arch to be assembled. How to raise that 2,500-pound piece into position was solved by Ray Norton, owner of the Olde Swiss Square, on Midway Main Street. Ray Norton came to the Memorial Hill to see what was needed. It wasn't much of a challenge for that crane to lift the 2,500-pound pipe into place.

Next comes the electrical work and lights to install. The project will be completed by Gene Probst doing the rock work. The gates to secure the hill come last. The Scouts are ready to start their projects on the upper flower gardens on the top of the hill.

If you want to help complete this project contact me at 654-2580 or send your donation to Zion's Bank, 81 East Center Street, Heber City, Utah 84032 payable to Memorial Restoration account. We are also looking for water shares to keep the hill looking good.

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Memorial Hill Gets Revamped

Suzanne Bates, *Courier* Staff *5-31-00*



The arch to Memorial Hill is now up, greeting visitors as they enter the roadway to go up the hill. A new flagpole has also been added to the hill, complete with new American and Utah flags.

Alvah Kohler has been working long and hard to bring these improvements to Midway's memorial to war veterans. He said that he has a "secret mine," that funds all of these improvements - but of course what he means is that there have been many private donations made that have made these things possible.

According to Kohler, there are still other improvements waiting to get finished. Gates will be added to the arch, and floodlights will be set up that will point at the arch.

Many people have been involved in the restoration projects. Wasatch County resident Terry Edwards has spent over 60 hours working on the hill. Public Works Director Kent Berg has also been instrumental in getting the flag pole put up, and clearing trees out of the way to widen the road leading up to the top of the hill.

Anyone who would like to donate to the project can make a donation at Zion's Bank to the Memorial Hill Restoration. *z*